

South Jordan City



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A Monthly Newsletter For South Jordan Residents
June 2006

2006-07 Fiscal Year Budget Adopted

On May 2, 2006 the South Jordan Municipal Council held a public hearing regarding the proposed 2006-07 budget and subsequently adopted the budget as presented.

Residents should note that property taxes will not be increased as a result of the budget, however water rates will increase an average of \$0.14 per 1,000 gallons due to the increased costs of purchasing water from the Jordan Valley

Conservancy District and storm drain fees will increase by \$2 per month.

On the flip side, garbage fees will be reduced for all citizens, and qualifying senior citizens can apply to use a smaller container and save even more.

Those interested in reviewing additional budget information can do so through the city's web page at www.sjc.utah.gov and click on Fiscal Year 2006-07 Annual Budget and Capital Facilities Plan.



Scholarship Announcement

Adam McKnight, an engineering intern for South Jordan City for the last two years, was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Utah Chapter of the American Public Works Association. This scholarship was available to full time college students pursuing a course in Public Works/Engineering, a resident of Utah and a senior as of the fall 2006 term/semester at Utah State University, the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Southern Utah University or Weber State University. The applicant must have maintained a cumulative B average or better with continued study in engineering during the 2006-07 school year.

We are proud to announce Adam met all the criteria and received this scholarship award.

South Jordan Youth Council Applications Available

South Jordan youth grades 9-12 interested in applying to serve on the '06-'07 youth council may apply online at www.sjc.utah.gov/youthcouncil.asp

Applications are also available at City Hall at 1600 West Towne Center Drive during business hours. Applications deadline: ASAP – June 9 at the latest.

South Jordan City Receives \$50,000 in Grant Money



South Jordan City recently applied for and was granted \$50,000 from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District for two different water conservation programs. The city will be upgrading the irrigation control system for 55 acres of parks and open space near the City Park and City Hall. These upgrades will allow the parks department to control and monitor the flow from a central location. Controlling the irrigation system, from a central location, will permit the parks

department to automatically shut down the sprinkling system during periods of wet weather and for maintenance issues such as broken pipes and sprinkler heads. This system will also allow for additional parks and system upgrades to be added at future dates. It is anticipated that these upgrades will save approximately 10 million of gallons of water each year.

The second program, being funded by the grant will include an evaluation of the city's current tiered water rate structure.

This study will enable city staff to evaluate a possible adjustment of current tiered rates in order to encourage water conservation throughout the city. As part of this study, the city will evaluate the condition of valve and meter boxes in order to install meters at each pressure zone boundary. These meters will enable the city to more accurately monitor flows within each pressure zone. Ultimately, these two programs will result in significant cost savings to the city.

New Community Center/Senior Center Reservation Policy

If you would like to make a reservation for your next family get-together, business meeting or wedding reception just stop by the Community/Senior Center at 10778 South Redwood Road and fill out an application.

In the past all reservations have been taken at the front desk of the fitness center, but starting in June, you will be able to view the rooms and request your reservation all in the same place. If you have questions or would like pricing information, please contact the Community/Senior Center at 302-1222.

South Jordan Public Safety, School Officers Honored

In March, the Utah Chiefs of Police Association recognized the South Jordan Department of Public Safety with an award honoring the department, for the exceptional work of two South Jordan police officers. The awards recognized the South Jordan Department of Public Safety as School Resource Agency of the Year for 2005 and Utah D.A.R.E. Agency of the Year for 2005.

At the conclusion of the 2005 school year, Officer Jodi Skogg was selected as the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year for the State of Utah, by the Utah Council for Crime Prevention and Officer Elyse Charter-Hines was chosen as the School Resource Officer of the Year, also by the Utah Council for Crime Prevention.

Officer Skogg has been with the South Jordan Department of Public Safety for nearly five years, with the past three serving as a D.A.R.E. officer. She works with all six elementary schools in the South Jordan area, teaching the D.A.R.E. program to fifth-graders and making routine visits to all other grades and classes. Her ability to coordinate scheduling

between the many schools, effectively instruct the program and still act as a positive role model for our youth, lent greatly to her being selected as the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

Officer Elyse Charter-Hines has been with the South Jordan Department of Public Safety for nearly four years, with this year being her second in Bingham High School as an SRO (School Resource Officer). Her functions in this capacity range from friend and confidant to the students and staff, to criminal and administrative detective for the school and the police department. She has the wonderful ability to identify with the students and gain both trust and respect. Additionally, Officer Charter-Hines was selected as the Officer of the Year in 2005, for the South Jordan Department of Public Safety.

Both of these officers are very hard-working and caring individuals who strive to excel each and every day. We with the South Jordan Department of Public Safety, are pleased to have them represent the city and are very proud of the accomplishments and recognition they have each received.

The Spirit of 1776 in 2006

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Young Patriots of South Jordan

Calling for two thousand and six young citizens (ages 11 and older) of the United States living in South Jordan, to stand or sit if in a wheel chair, as patriots of our country by carrying and holding your own American flag in the opening ceremonies of South Jordan's Countryfest taking place Friday, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Grandchildren in the specified age range of South Jordan residents are also welcome to participate with their own flags. Learn more and sign up by June 20 by going online to www.sjc.utah.gov or fill out an application at the city offices located at 1600 West Towne Center Drive in South Jordan. Adults wishing to assist in staging this activity may also register.

MAYOR Kent Money

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

District 1: **Leona Winger**
District 2: **Brad Marlor**
District 3: **Brian C. Butters**
District 4: **Dave Colton**
District 5: **Larry Short**

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Rick Horst: City Manager
Gary Whatcott: Deputy City Manager
John Geilmann: City Attorney
Lindsay Shepherd: ACM Public Safety
Rob Wall: ACM Municipal Services
Laurie Tanner: COO

SOUTH JORDAN CITY HALL

1600 W. Towne Center Dr.
South Jordan, Utah 84095
254-3742
info@sjc.utah.gov

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South Jordan City's Plaza Reflection Pond and Fountain



With its spectacular views, South Jordan City's Plaza Reflection Pond and Fountain is a great place to eat, read, relax and share some quality time with friends and families. As the city's newest recreation facility amenity, The Plaza Reflection Pond and Fountain will run continuously through the summer before it transitions again into an ice rink in November.

Continuing Efforts to Conserve Water

The residents of South Jordan City have done a great job in conserving water over the last five years. In fact, per capita water use has decreased 27 percent since 2000. Although, the mountains have received a lot of snow this winter and the drought period of recent years is over, we still need to continue our efforts to conserve water. Residents are encouraged to use the Lawn Watering Guide provided below to help schedule your sprinkling systems. Additional water conservation information can also be found on the city's website at www.sjc.utah.gov.

Lawn Watering Guide**

Month	Schedule
April	No Irrigation Recommended
May	21 Min. every 4 days*
June	21 Min. every 3 days*
July	21 Min. every 3 days*
August	21 Min. every 3 days*
Sept.	21 Min. every 6 days*
October	No Irrigation Recommended

* Your lawns and system requirements may vary slightly
** Source Utah Division of Water Resources

Have Your Sprinkler System Checked to Make Sure it is Operating Efficiently

Do you want to save money on your water bill and still keep your lawn green? Are you watering your lawn too much? Get a free water check to make your sprinklers operate more efficiently and help conserve water. The water check program is a series of tests performed by Utah State University interns that will determine how much water your sprinkler system is distributing, how evenly it is distributed and the rate at which the water infiltrates

into the soil. Jordan Valley Conservancy District, Utah State University, and other member agencies help sponsor this program. The water check program is available from May to September.

The water check will determine your soil type, grass root depth, sprinkling system water pressure, how well your sprinkler system is working and how well the water is penetrating the soil. Utah State University interns will use this

information to develop a customized irrigation schedule for your sprinkler system, and make recommendations to improve efficiency.

The water check is free and only takes about an hour. To schedule an appointment to have a water check or learn more about the program please call 1-877-728-3420 (1-877-SAVEH2O), or sign up online at www.slowtheflow.org.

Gale Center of History and Culture Grand Opening – July 1, 2006 • 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thanks to all of the volunteers, contractors, and businesses who are bringing the Gale Center of History and Culture to life in South Jordan. The center will take visitors through South Jordan's past and present, while showing the possibilities that the future holds for our community.

Specific thanks to:

- South Jordan City for providing the opportunity to celebrate the story of our community.
- The History Center Committee for contributing hours of work and expertise. (They are some of the most talented and giving citizens you can find.)
- The Historical Committee for providing guidance, encouragement, and funding.
- Joey Clegg for providing architectural design expertise throughout our planning stage.
- Merit Medical for designing and sponsoring a new exhibit on the heart and related health issues.
- Many local contractors and businesses for donations of their time and materials. (Please visit our center when we open to see a complete display of their names.)

- Kennecott Copper Corporation for their generous contribution to fund our early efforts.
- The LDS Church Museum and This Is the Place Heritage Park for their contribution of artifacts showing life in the Salt Lake Valley.
- The many individuals who have provided life stories and donated artifacts and collectibles that depict life in this area.

We also thank those who have been hired for their special expertise in preparing the Gale Center of History and Culture to welcome citizens at the grand opening on July 1:

- Oli and Jorgan Jensen for their work on the new auditorium.
- Cal Taylor for building Grandma's House that shows a local home from the 1900s.
- Design Spectrum for creating the children's area display.

Donations welcome. Any residents who would like to donate to the new

Gale Center are asked to make their checks payable to **South Jordan City – Gale Center** and send it to: Gale Center, 10300 South Beckstead Lane, South Jordan, UT 84095. All contributors will be recognized in displays in the new center. Please check our website for updates on the progress of the center as we prepare to open in summer 2006: www.GaleCenter.org

WHO WILL BE THE

South Jordan
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It star will be born...

Join Us
June 22, 23,
24 & 26
PLACE:
Bingham High School
TIME:
7:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at South Jordan City Aquatic and Fitness Center at 10779 Redwood Road or at the door.

Event Ticket \$9 for all 4 nights or \$3 each night

To see the contestants, visit:
www.southjordancity.org

Celebrity Judges

SOUTH JORDAN PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY

Police & Fire Calls.....	911
Animal Control	254-4708
BFI	972-4234
Billing	254-3742
Chamber of Commerce.....	253-5200
City Administration	254-3742
Community Center	254-9888
Construction Management	253-5230
Development Services	254-1404
Dispatch	840-4000
Fire Department.....	254-5272
Help Line	446-HELP (4357)
Municipal Court.....	254-6381
Parks	253-5230
Police Department	254-4708
Public Services	253-5230
Recreation	253-5236
Senior Citizens Center.....	302-1222
South Valley Sewer District	571-1166
TransJordan Landfill.....	569-8994
Victim Service	254-4708

"Please refer to the Leisure Guide pages 16 & 17 for all Parks and Recreation information."